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H. BRYNTER.  
11, The Arcade, Hongkong, 25th November, 1891. [258]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

### IN BANKRUPTCY.

**NOTICE.**—CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES, lately trading with others under the style of firm of RUSSELL AND COMPANY, at No. 9, PRINCE STREET, Victoria, Hongkong, and elsewhere, Merchant, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Creditors' Petition for Adjudication in Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong on the 20th day of July, 1891, a Public Meeting for the said Bankrupt to meet his last creditors and make application for his Order of Discharge will be held before the Supreme Court on SATURDAY, the 5th day of DECEMBER, 1891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, at the 25th day of November, 1891.  
BRUCE SHEPHERD, Acting Registrar.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1885 TO 1890.

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, That a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was on the 23rd day of November, 1891, presented to the said Court by JAMES RUSSELL, CRAWFORD AND JOHN MACALISTER, trading at Victoria, Hongkong, and elsewhere as LANE, CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, and the HONGKONG AND CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, of Victoria, Hongkong, and elsewhere, Creditors of the said Company; and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour the Chief Justice, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of DECEMBER, 1891, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, and any Creditor or Contributor of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the winding up of the said Company under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for the Company, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributor of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.  
Dated this 24th day of November, 1891.  
WOTTON & DRACON, Solicitors for the Petitioners, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

## THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a FOURTH CALL of TWO PENCE per Share has been made, payable on or before the 4th day of DECEMBER, 1891, at the Company's Registered Office, 128, QUEEN STREET, HONGKONG, in plain, or at the Company's Branch Office, 24, RAFFLES PLACE, SINGAPORE, at the equivalent of 1/4 cent per share for the same.  
Shareholders are requested to note that Share Certificates must be produced when paying Calls, in order that such payment may be duly entered thereon.  
By Order of the Directors,  
G. A. DERRICK, Local Secretary, Singapore, 15th November, 1891. [258]

## STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

### "PERKIN."

Captain F. Harris will leave for the above Place TO-DAY, the 25th inst., at 4 P.M.

### "HUBERT."

For Superintendant, Hongkong, 25th November, 1891. [1]

## STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the Inland Sea.)

### "ANCONA."

Captain W. D. Miller will leave for the above Place TO-MORROW, the 26th inst., at 11 A.M. Freight and other particulars apply to the Agents, DOUGLAS LAFFRAN & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 24th November, 1891. [258]

## MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

(Largest Coal Mines in Japan.)

THE Undersigned are always prepared to supply with MIKE COAL in bulk or in small quantities, and to deliver the same at the harbour at short notice. FRESH COAL always in hand and therefore quality guaranteed. Contract for supplies for Six Months or longer can be arranged, and for prices and terms apply to

## DOUGLAS LAFFRAN & CO., LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND POOHOOW.

THE Company's Steamship

### "HAINAN."

Captain A. To-Morrow, will be despatched for the above Place TO-MORROW, the 26th inst., at 11 A.M. Freight and other particulars apply to the Agents, DOUGLAS LAFFRAN & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 24th November, 1891. [258]

## STAMP COLLECTORS AND DEALERS.

R. J. REMEDIOS, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP

7, CHANCERY LANE, HONGKONG.

Will be glad to send stamps on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.

He has also at Wholesale Price Hongkong Jubilee, Memo (provisional), 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 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Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

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## MARRIAGES.

On the 14th November, at the Cathedral, Shanghai,  
Francis James, youngest son of E. P. Rogers, Esq.,  
of County Cork, Ireland, to Katherine Grace,  
daughter of W. F. Brown, Esq., M.P., of  
Adelaide, South Australia.

On the 15th November, at Trinity Cathedral,  
Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Rogers, M.A., FRIST  
FRANCIS LAYTON, of Clifton to ELIZABETH HEATH-  
COTE, eldest daughter of FREDERICK HAYLEY BELL,  
Esq., of Shanghai.

## DEATH.

At No. 3, Wooning Road, Shanghai, on the 16th  
November, Mrs. D. H. H. H., the beloved wife of JOHN  
H. H., aged 54 years.

It is singular for a European who has  
not had the opportunity of visiting the United  
States to read that the common country  
rules of America are, as a very general  
thing, as bad as they can be; so bad indeed  
that some native-born Americans who have  
never travelled abroad cannot be brought  
to believe that good roads are possible. This  
state of things probably arises from the cir-  
cumstances that the industrial progress of the  
country has not been so rapid that the Americans  
have not had time to give proper attention  
to other highways than railroads and water-  
courses. But to this it may be, the feeling  
of dissatisfaction among the farming classes  
growing very serious and compelling the  
attention of legislators and public men to  
this very important matter. It is not to be  
understood that our country has no roads  
of any kind—they exist, but in such a condi-  
tion that "if a body tries to trot any, is apt  
to throw a child out of its mother's arms."  
If public roads are at once the means  
and measure of civilization and good roads  
are better than none at all. It is impressive  
to consider that in the great Empire of China  
there are practically no roads whatever, cer-  
tainly none worthy of mention in the same  
breath with the splendid highways of Japan.  
What China might have been if the instincts  
of her rulers had prompted them to interact  
their vast country with good roads in days  
gone by it is impossible to conjecture, but  
there can be no doubt that roads are among  
China's greatest needs at the present day.  
For want of them her brawny sons are driven  
forth over the face of the earth to become  
the drudges of all nations. It may be that  
the Chinese people are the biggest road-maker

of the present day, but—for the benefit of  
foreigners. In Canada, the United States,  
South America, Australia, and, nearer home,  
in Manila, Siam, Tonkin, the Straits Settle-  
ments, and many places elsewhere, they have  
been or are being employed by thousands  
in railway construction and road-making.  
When will the time arrive for them to  
realize the benefit they confer upon strangers  
and deny to themselves? China with all  
its vast area is little larger than its sea-  
board and the outline of its navigable water-  
courses, and for want of the means of inland  
communication other than mere tracks and  
ditches its able-bodied sons, its brawny  
and sinew, are driven abroad to labour under  
conditions that offer no inducement to any  
other race in the world. Let the Chinese  
note that inferior roads are blamed in Amer-  
ica for creating a lack of prosperity, and  
learn the source of much of their country's  
unprofitableness.

The practice of passing Ordinances in a  
hurry, without affording all parties who may  
be affected an opportunity of examining and  
discussing them, is one that cannot be too  
severely deprecated. It was formerly the  
custom to publish Bills in the *Gazette* for  
several weeks before they were introduced,  
together with a formal statement of the ob-  
jects and reasons. Very different is the  
present custom. A Bill is read for the first  
time on the Monday. Nothing but its title  
transpires at that stage, no indication of its  
contents being given. Sometimes the Bill  
is already in print and copies are supplied to  
the members of Council, very frequently this  
is not the case, and occasionally even the  
drafting is not completed; but in any case  
the public are not informed in any way of  
the purport of the measure. On Satur-  
day night it is published in the *Gazette*, and  
on the following Monday it is read a  
second time. The theoretical object of pub-  
lishing Bills in the *Gazette* before they are  
read a second time is that they may be read  
by the public and that their subject matter  
may be thoroughly ventilated. This object  
is defeated when not even one clear working  
day is allowed between the time of the print-  
ing of the Bills and their being read a second  
time and passed through Committee. On the  
15th November the Building Ordinance  
Amendment Bill was read a first time, on  
Saturday, the 21st inst., it was published in  
the *Gazette*, and on Monday, the 23rd, it was  
read a second time and passed through  
Committee, notwithstanding the fact that  
a letter had been received which, from the  
reference made to it at Monday's  
meeting, appears to have asked for delay  
for the purpose of making recommendations  
or urging objections. The Acting Colonial  
Secretary mentioned that the letter had  
reached his hands only a few minutes before  
the meeting. Under the circumstances of  
the case it was not possible for the writer  
to have sent it in much earlier.

The unavailability of proceeding with the  
second reading on the Monday when a Bill  
has only seen the light on the previous  
Saturday was urged a year or two ago, and  
Sir WILLIAM DE VORSE in his seat in  
Council frankly recognised it, and if our  
recollection serves us aright, gave directions  
that the second reading was not to be pro-  
ceeded with until a week after the Bill had  
been published in the *Gazette*. The action  
of the Government in proceeding with the  
Building Ordinance on Monday is abso-  
lutely indefensible. What objections to  
the measure there are to be urged  
we are unable to say; it may turn out that  
they possess some force or that they are of  
no value whatever; but the principle that  
all Bills should be published for a reasonable  
time before the Council is asked to read  
them a second time admits of no possible  
dispute. Doubtless a copy of the Bill now  
in question might have been obtained earlier  
had the writer of the letter made special  
application for it, but until he saw it how  
could he possibly tell whether he would want  
to make any suggestions in reference to it,  
and he was justified in assuming that due  
publicity would be given to it in the *Gazette*.

The Acting Colonial Secretary says he can-  
not help being surprised at it, being con-  
tinually thought that the Government are  
always going to do something that will in-  
jure the community. But is this feeling so  
very surprising, after the proceedings with  
reference to the Building Ordinance? Hasty  
legislation is always liable to do harm, and in  
this case there is a shadow of a suggestion  
that haste was necessary. In cases of emer-  
gency it may be necessary to pass a Bill  
through all its stages at one meeting, but  
no considerations of that kind apply to  
this Bill. It is somewhat surprising that  
none of the unofficial members supported  
the request for delay, a request which under  
the circumstances must be admitted to be  
entirely reasonable.

The delivery of the English mail was begun  
at 2.25 p.m. yesterday.

H.M.S. *Impetuous* was at Amoy on the 22nd  
inst., and is expected here tomorrow.

Mr. Henry Norman arrived from Bangkok by  
the Scottish Oriental steamer *Lozok* yesterday.

New recruits Shanghai on the 19th inst. that  
the steamer *Perin* had got off the above  
Wharf.

Shao Yulien, the new Governor of Formosa,  
has at last started for his island, having embarked  
on the steamer *Cass* at Shanghai on the 19th  
inst.

The amount actually realized by the promenade  
concert, given by the Band of the 1st A. S. B.  
Highlanders in aid of the Japanese earthquake  
fund is \$206.25.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &  
Co.) inform us that the *Glen Line* steamer  
*Guiney*, from London and, Straits for this  
port, left Singapore on Monday evening.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Edward  
James Grist was admitted to practice as a  
barrister, this being the first time since  
Mr. Grist joined the firm of Mr. G.D. Wilkinson.

According to the Shanghai papers the *Kiang's*  
position is hopeless, as the hull is broken under  
or close to the boilers. Some of her officers and  
engineers returned to Shanghai by the *Kow-  
shing* on the 19th inst., and the captain and chief  
engineer on the 19th inst. The wreck is to be  
sold by auction.

The N. O. Daily News makes the following  
announcement:—"The prospect has been found  
of the Shanghai Silk Filature, Limited, to take  
over as a going concern and carry on the busi-  
ness of the Shanghai Silk Filature Association. The  
capital is to be \$1,000,000, divided into 1,000  
shares of \$1,000 each, of which 800 are issued  
to the vendors in payment of purchase money,  
241 have been subscribed for, and 459 are offered  
to the public.

A telegram received at Batavia on the 7th  
November brings word of a fire at Amsterdam  
which consumed tobacco valued at eight hundred  
thousand guilders.

The Mercury is informed that the foreign  
mining interest in the Kiro, Miss is now  
now in course of construction at the iron factory  
of Messrs. Fan Chung & Co., Hongkong. The  
same paper adds—Six families, Chinese have  
arrived per *Punglung* from the north, having  
been discharged from the *Jabal Silver Mine* at  
Plog Chong-chui. They are homeward-bound,  
via San Francisco.

The Daily News learns that the cholera which  
was raging in Kiro in October has now subsided,  
and the health of the city has much improved.  
The country north of Kiro is a very disturbed  
state just now. This condition of things is  
chronic in the region, but more so than over-  
year. To add to the normal state of them in  
which the country is kept the bandits are now  
armed with foreign repeating rifles of the newest  
pattern.

The whole of the Peking squadron has been  
sent to Kiro, and most satisfactorily disposed  
of at Port Arthur, but the process took so long  
that it is in contemplation to construct another  
dock along the present one. There is only one  
small drawback to the existing dock. The  
dock is not of sufficient length to accommodate  
a number of ships, and is consequently a source  
of trouble, especially in winter.

A destructive fire occurred on the 22nd inst., at  
Chun Tui Road, Kowloon. It commenced at  
about midnight and was not put out until  
daylight the next morning. Most of the houses  
in the vicinity were timber shops and  
warehouses, and the fire spread rapidly, and  
in a few minutes the whole of the street was  
in flames. The cause of the conflagration, may  
be the criminal classes, but a military officer with  
a detachment of troops was sent to the scene to  
preserve order.

The English mail steamer *Perin*, which left  
Singapore on Tuesday last and was expected  
here on Sunday, arrived yesterday afternoon,  
having sailed exactly seven days from port to  
port. She sailed from London on the 19th  
inst., and arrived at Singapore on the 23rd  
inst. The ship was in excellent condition, and  
on Saturday afternoon steamed south for three  
hours, there being every indication of a typhoon  
to the north-east. Learning her course, she  
went south, and on the 24th inst. she was  
seen off the coast of the Malay Peninsula, and  
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